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Prologue

## THE SECOND REBIRTH

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I HAVE BEEN TO EVERY CORNER OF EVERY SECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE, AND I HAVE LEARNED ONE THING.
THE UNIVERSE NEEDS TO CHANGE.
WE LIVE IN A PLACE ROTTING WITH HEDONISM AND CHAOS. A PLACE UNTAMED AND MORALLY DEVOID. A PLACE OF DARKNESS.
WHEN I WAS INDUCTED INTO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, I BELIEVED I HAD FINALLY ESCAPED THE DARKNESS. I WORKED HARD TO VALIDATE THE POWER RING'S SELECTION.
I TORE MY HOME PLANET OF KORUGAR FREE FROM SIN.
I BROUGHT ORDER AND VOWED TO DO THE SAME FOR THE REST OF SECTOR 1417... AND THEN, WITH THE CORPS' SUPPORT, THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
FOR A TIME THE GUARDIANS EVEN CALLED ME THE "GREATEST" OF THE GREEN LANTERNS.
UNTIL AN EARTHMAN I TRAINED TOOK EVERYTHING FROM ME.
HAL JORDAN CALLED ME A FASCIST FOR THE ORDER I BESTOWED UPON KORUGAR.
I WAS STRIPPED OF MY RING.
LABELED THE FIRST RENEGADE OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, I WAS BANISHED TO THE UNDERBELLY OF THE UNIVERSE, THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE...
...AND DELIVERED BACK INTO DARKNESS.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE--

I FELT FEAR.
AND I WAS BLINDED BY ITS BRILLIANCE.
I BELIEVED FEAR TO BE PART OF THE CHAOS I ABHOR, BUT IT WAS MORE CONTROLLING THAN ALL THE WILLPOWER IN THE UNIVERSE.
AND IT WOULD BE MINE.
RAYNER IS A FOOL.
I WILL SLICE THE CREATURE'S CHEST OPEN AND RIP OUT HIS USELESS HEART.
NO.
YOU WILL RESPECT HIM.
DAMN RIGHT.
GREEN ARROW SAYS HI.
YOU WILL BE MINE, ALLEY RAT.
AND THE UNIVERSE...

...THE UNIVERSE WILL CHANGE.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WILL CHANGE.
IN BLACKEST DAY... IN BRIGHTEST NIGHT...
...BEWARE YOUR FEARS MADE INTO LIGHT...
...LET THOSE WHO TRY TO STOP WHAT'S RIGHT...
...BURN LIKE MY POWER--

--SINESTRO'S MIGHT!

EARTH.
WHAT MAKES A HERO BETTERRR?
ISITTHE VILLAINNS YOU FACE, BATMAN?
KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK
KRAK KRAK KRAK KRAK
THE THINGS YOU'VERETURNED FROMMM, SUPERMAN?
OR THE MISSSTAKES YOU'VE MADE, WONDER WOMAN?
ENOUGH WITH THE SELF HELP, ZOOM!
CLANK

WHERE THE HELL'S SINESTRO?
MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN
I'M AN OFFICER IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, SPACE SECTOR 2814.
I PROTECT AND SERVE OVER 138 PLANETS, INCLUDING EARTH.
FOR SOME REASON EARTH GETS MOST OF THE ALIEN DESPOTS AND EXTRATERRESTRIAL PARASITES.
KYLE TELLS ME OUR LIVES ARE LIKE "STAR WARS" MEETS "THE X-FILES"
I MISSED "THE X FILES"

SINESTRO WAS A CARD-CARRYING MEMBER OF THE SECRET SOCIETY ALONGSIDE YOU LAST YEAR
WHERE'D HE FLY OFF TO, ZOLOMON?
SINESTRO TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENNED TO YOUUUU, GREEN LANTERN.
KEYSTONE CRASH
HEPUTYOUTHROUGH A TESTLIKEIPUTTHEFLASHSH THROUGHONE
YOU GAVE IN TO YOUR FEEAARS. YOU LET THEM TAKECONTROL OF YOUUU
YOU MURRRRDERED YOUR FELLOW OFFICERS AND HURTTHEPEOPLE YOU CALLED FRRRIENDSSS.
BUT YOU DRAGGED YOURSELF UP AND OUT OF THE MUD AND BLOOD. YOU HAVE BEEN HUMBLLLED BECAUSEOFYOURFALLINTODARKNESS.
YOU ARE BETTER FOR IT
GREEN LANTERN.
LET ME PLAY BAD COP.
I WONDER
WILL YOU EVER BE THE GREATEST AGAIN?

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OR MORE IMPORTANT
--DO YOU WISH TO BE?
DAMN, THAT RODENT'S FAST.
HAVE WE HEARD AN OFFICIAL "YES" FROM FLASH YET?
HOW THE HELL'D HE BREAK FREE?
THE OBJECTS I CREATE AREN'T INDESTRUCTIBLE, HAWKGIRL.
I'M SURPRISED YOU HELD HIM THAT LONG. THOUGHT YOUR RINGS DIDN'T WORK ON YELLOW.
ONLY IF YOU'RE A ROOKIE, LIGHTNING. AND THIS OLD MAN'S BEEN RINGSLINGIN' SINCE I WAS IN DIAPERS.
THAT'S A BIT OF AN EXAGGERATION
IT'S A JOKE, REDDY.
HA
THE YELLOW RING THAT YOU ENCOUNTERED SAID--
I WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE I HAD "THE ABILITY TO INSTILL GREAT FEAR." IT WANTED TO RECRUIT ME INTO SOMETHING CALLED THE SINESTRO CORPS.
SOUNDS LOVELY.
WHAT'S NEXT, LANTERN?
WE'VE CHASED DOWN EVERY LEAD ON THIS PLANET AND COME UP DRY.
I APPRECIATE THE HELP, BUT I DON'T THINK THE SINESTRO CORPS IS EARTH'S PROBLEM--

" IT'S THE GREEN LANTERNS! "
SPACE SECTOR 424
BOOM
BLASPHEMY!
IT CUT RIGHT THROUGH THAT LIGHT CHURCH!
DO YOU BELIEVE IT TO BE THE SPIDER GUILD AGAIN, GRAFTOREN?
CALM YOURSELF AND FIND YOUR CENTER, VODEM. THE RING REACTS POORLY TO A LOST SOUL.
RING SCAN THE LIGHT CHURCH FOR DAMAGE.
VACUUM SEAL BREACHED ON LEVEL SIX GRAVITY FIELD DOWN
LIFEFORMS IN DANGER
AAAH!
SHRAK!
WARNING GREEN LANTERNS IN PURSUIT
HEY.

YOU LANTERNS NEED A HAND?
MY NAME IS KYLE RAYNER
A FEW YEARS AGO, I STUMBLED OUT OF A BAR INTO AN ALLEY. A GUARDIAN NAMED GANTHET TOSSED ME A POWER RING AND SAID I WAS THE LAST OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
THEY'RE SPACE COPS
OF COURSE, TODAY THE GUARDIANS SAY I'M MORE THAN "JUST" A SPACE COP.

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I M THE R GREAT EXPERIMENT.
A GREEN LANTERN W TH NO RING?
T S A MIRACLE!
NO, VODE-M. HE HAS A POWER SOURCE INSIDE HIM.
H S SOUL?
HE IS THE ANGEL OF THE CORPS. THE GUARD ANS CALL H M ION.
THE NEXT "EVOLUTION" OF THE GREEN LANTERN .
Y'KNOW IT'S FUNNY.
I NEVER LIKED COPS
NOT UNT L HAL AND THE CORPS CAME BACK.
IT S KYLE... KYLE RAYNER.
AND I'M NO ANGEL.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME, I REALLY FELT LIKE I BELONGED TO SOMETH NG I WASN T THE "ARTISTIC" K D N SCHOOL OR THE ROOKIE ON THE LEAGUE. I WAS ONE OF THE GUYS.
UNTIL I WAS INFUSED WITH THE POWER OF ION.
WARNING. GREEN LANTERN IN PURSUIT.
THIS BUZZING NO SE WOKE ME UP.
I FOLLOWED THE NOISE TO YOUR SECTOR. AND I CAN STILL HEAR T.
IN EVERY DIRECT ON NOW ALL AROUND JS
WHAT ARE YOU DO NG IN OUR SECTOR, KYLE RAYNER?
WHAT HIT THAT CHURCH?
GOTCHA!

KRAK
WHAT IS THAT, KYLE?
A YELLOW POWER RING.
YOU DO NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTILL GREAT FEAR.
KRAK
KRAK
YOU HAVE NOT BEEN CHOSEN.
RECALIBRATING COURSE FOR SPACE SECTOR 304
KRAK
KRAK
IT WANTS TO GO TO SECTOR 304.
THAT'S OVER 100 SECTORS AWAY. WHY?
BECAUSE IT'S JUST PASSING THROUGH THIS ONE
LIKE THE REST OF THEM.

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SPACE SECTOR 3
BEDOVIAN.
THIS IS ARKILLO.
IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP!
SKKKK

SPACE SECTOR Ø
OA
"HOW DID HE LEARN THE SECRET OF THE 52?"

HANK HENSHAW WAS IMPRISONED AT THE EDGE OF SPACE SECTOR 3601. HE WAS BONDED TO THE SOURCE WALL--THE BARRIER BETWEEN THIS UNIVERSE AND THE NEXT.
HE HAS ADMITTED TRAVELING BEYOND THE WALL AND INTO THE BLEED BEFORE BEING RETRIEVED BY THE MANHUNTERS.
SO HE KNOWS OF THE 52
HE KNOWS THAT UPON EARTH NOW REST 51 MORE PARALLEL EARTHS--
--AND BEYOND THIS UNIVERSE, 51 PARALLEL UNIVERSES
AND HE KNOWS THAT IF EARTH IS EVER ANNIHILATED, IT WILL START A CHAIN REACTION THAT WILL DESTROY THE OTHERS.
THE MULTIVERSE WILL COLLAPSE, LEAVING ONLY OUR OPPOSITE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE IN EXISTENCE

PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT HANK HENSHAW DESIRES. HE SHARES THE MANHUNTERS *DISDAIN* FOR LIFE.
HIS PAST CRIMES SAY AS MUCH.
HE KILLED *MILLIONS* WHEN HE *DESTROYED* COAST CITY AND IN DOING SO HE INSTILLED GREAT *FEAR* IN HAL JORDAN
--LEAVING HIM SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE YELLOW IMPURITY
EVEN NOW, THOUGH COAST CITY HAS BEEN REBUILT, SCHOOLS ARE A TENTH FULL. DWELLINGS LIE EMPTY
*FEAR* KEEPS *MANY* AWAY
WITHOUT *LIFE* THERE WILL BE NO FEAR OR AVARICE OR HATE.
WITHOUT LIFE THERE IS ALSO NO HOPE OR COMPASSION.
OR *LOVE*.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS IS ABOUT MAINTAINING *ORDER*, SAYD. LEAVE EMOTION *OUT* OF IT.
*OUT* OF IT?
THE GREATEST *POWERS* IN THE UNIVERSE ARE MANIFESTED FROM EMOTION. OUR POWER COMES FROM THE WILLPOWER OF SENTIENT LIFE
NOW I ASK, FELLOW GUARDIANS, IF A BEING SUCH AS THIS HAS GAINED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE 52, WHO ELSE HAS?

NO ONE ELSE WILL, SAYD
HANK HENSHAW IS OUR PRISONER
WE CANNOT KEEP HIM FOREVER
YOU FORGET OUR PLACE, GANTHET. WE ARE IMMORTAL. WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.
WE CAN DO WHATEVER WE LIKE.
A FACE OF METAL AND FLESH SHALL SPEAK OF THE SECRETS OF THE 52. FEAR WILL RISE. WILLPOWER WILL GATHER.
AND A WAR OF LIGHT WILL UNLEASH THE TRUTH BEHIND THE POWER OF THE RING."
YOU QUOTE THE FORBIDDEN CHAPTER FROM THE BOOK OF OA, SAYD?
YES. I QUOTE THE PROPHECY OF COSMIC REVELATIONS-- "THE BLACKEST NIGHT."
LOOK AT THE SIGNS. THEY ARE ALL AROUND US.
THAT PROPHECY IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS THAN THE SECRET OF THE 52.
PERHAPS IT IS TIME TO INFORM OUR OFFICERS OF ABIN SUR'S DISCOVERY--
ABIN SUR WAS FED THAT INANE PROPHECY BY OUR ENEMIES ON THE PLANET YSMAULT. HE FOOLISHLY BELIEVED THEIR LIES--
--AND IT LED TO HIS DEMISE.
"THE BLACKEST NIGHT" IS NOT THE FUTURE. GANTHET IT IS A FABLE DESIGNED TO INSTILL FEAR AMONG US.
NOTHING MORE.
WE ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE 52, BUT WE DENY THE PROPHECY OF "THE BLACKEST NIGHT."
WE ALL DENY IT
YOU TURN YOUR BACKS ON THE PROPHECY JUST AS YOU DID THE YELLOW IMPURITY. THE CORPS WAS NEARLY DESTROYED BECAUSE OF IT.
ENOUGH, GANTHET!
HAVE SALAAK RETURN THE CYBORG-SUPERMAN TO HIS CELL. THIS INTERROGATION IS OVER
"HE KILLED THIRTY-TWO GREEN LANTERNS."

THE SCIENCELLS.

WHO IS HE?

A *BOY*.

A *KRYPTONIAN* BOY FROM A DEAD WORLD

A *BOY* KILLED THIRTY TWO GREEN LANTERNS?

THAT'S MORE THAN HAL JORDAN--

THAT WAS *PARALLAX*, ROOKIE *NOT* JORDAN.

STUDY YOUR DAMN BOOK OF OA!
HOPE YOU'RE HAVIN' FUN N THERE, KID MY ASS SENDS ITS LOVE.
Heh.
HEY, SALAAK?! SALAAK, WHERE ARE YA?
GANTHET? GANTHET WHY ARE YOU WHISPERING? I CAN'T GANTHET?
YO, SALAAK!
BEEN LOOK N' FOR YOU EVERYWHERE JORDAN, STEWART, AND RAYNER ARE HERE. THEY NEED TA SPEAK TO THE GUARDIANS
STARTS W TH "SIN" AND ENDS WITH "ESTRO."
THE GUARD ANS' SCHEDULE S FULL TODAY, GARDNER.
WHAT DO WE GOTTA DO TA SEE THOSE GUYS? BRING EM THE W TCH'S BROOMSTICK? THIS S MPORTANT, SAL.

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DON'T CARE WHAT KILOWOG SAYS. I'M NOT TURN MY BACK TO TORTAN
OH NO, I'D BE IN THE LOOP AIN'T SURE GONNA GO DOWN
STEWART BILLION BEAT YELLOW LIKE A SPRICKLY ROOKIE AND WHAM- WENT BOOM..
KEEP THAT YEL...OW RING HIDDEN KYLE WE DON'T WANT TO START A PANIC
WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU SAW A GROUP OF GREEN LANTERNS PANIC, HAL?
JUST THE SAME LET'S..
BMFB
YOU TRYING TO START TROUBLE AGAIN KE'HAAN?
THIS IS OUR TABLE, EARTHMAN
IT'S FINE JOHN. COME ON..
I'M USED TO THE GUARDIANS KEEPING US WAITING I UNDERSTAND THEY'VE GOT 7200 OFFICERS TO DEAL WITH BUT ALLOWING THAT TO GO ON?
THE LOST LANTERNS HAVE THEIR REASONS I CAN TAKE A FEW GLARES AND A HANDFUL OF WORDS
I'M FRIENDS WITH GUY GARDNER
OH GOODY I'M HAL JORDAN'S FRIEND
ANY LUCK W TH SALAAK?
HE'S TRYIN TA GET US IN THOUGH TRUTH BE TOLD WE SHOULD JUST BYPASS THE RED TAPE WE ALREADY GOT THE ONE GUY THE GUARDIANS WILL CRACK THEIR DOOR OPEN FOR RIGHT HERE
THEIR PRECIOUS TORCHBEARER
HE'S... LET'S JUST HAVE THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ON BEND OVER WHILE THE GUARDIANS FUCKER UP AND KISS HIS GLOWN GREEN BUTT
KNOCK IT OFF, GUY
SORRY KID
HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BY IT
YOU OKAY KYLE?
I WAS SUPPOSED TO HEAR MY MOM'S WILL TODAY
I DIDN'T EXPECT OR WANT ANYTHING BUT I REMEMBERED ON THE WAY THERE WAS THIS PAINTING SHE HAD HANGING IN THE LIVING ROOM WHEN I WAS GROWING UP
IT WAS THE ONLY COLOR IN THE HOUSE I USED TO STARE AT IT FOR HOURS
WHAT WAS IT OF?
A BOY IN A FIELD
WE USED TO MAKE UP STORIES ABOUT HIM HOW HE WAS LOST AND TRYING TO FIND HIS WAY HOME
BUT HE COULDN'T FIND ANYONE TO HELP HIM.
HOW'D THE STORY END?
I DON'T REMEMBER

WHAT THE HELL?
WE WELCOME THE LOST.
KRAKSH
WHAT'S THAT?
I GOT IT! I GOT--
--AAIEEE!
DAMMIT, IT'S MOVING TOO FAST
NEW PROTOCOLS RECEIVED PROCESSING.
RECALIBRATING MISSION.

ION TARGETED.
ION CAPTURED.
PREPARE TO TRANSPORT SENTIENT BEING.
AAAAAHHHH!
KYLE!
BOOOOOOOOM
BAM

THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE.
SPACE SECTOR - 1.
THE PLANET QWARD.
WHERE ?
WARNING. ION HAS REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.
IRRELEVANT KYLE RAYNER MUST BE DELIVERED.
I DON'T THINK SO.
YOU SURPRISED ME ONCE. NOT GONNA DO IT AGA!--
WARNING. ION OVERRIDING FEAR
MY GOD...

QWARD ANS.
DOZENS OF THEM.
ALL DEAD
BUT WHY?
FOR PLEASURE
SHUT UP.
TO INSTILL FEAR... FEAR... FEAR...
TO INSTILL ORDER... ORDER... ORDER...

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THE GUARDIANS HAD BILLIONS OF YEARS TO BRING ORDER TO THIS UNIVERSE.
THEY FAILED.
NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO SPREAD OUR LIGHT
OUR TURN TO TAKE CONTROL.

WE WILL DRIVE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WOULD WORSHIP CHAOS.
BUT FIRST WE *BURN* THOSE WHO STAND IN OUR WAY
HAL?
YOU GUYS HEAR ME?
HAL JORDAN CANNOT HEAR YOU, KYLE.
BUT *WE* CAN
$#?% ME.

WHERE D D THE TORCHBEARER GO?
WE NEED ION!
WHAT HAPPENED TO H M?!?
CALM DOWN, ROOK ES-
-AND GET YOUR ASSES BACK NS DE.
KYLE'S BODY UNRAVELED WHEN THE YELLOW L GHT WASHED OVER H M. H S SKIN PEELED AWAY H S BONES SEPARATED.
I SAW THE SAME TH NG HAPPEN WITH S NESTRO AND AMON SUR
TRACES OF ANTIMATTER DETECTED. RESIDUAL ENERGY SIGNATURE CONFIRMS A NINETEEN-SIXTY-THREE.
SUSPECT ESCAPED INTO AN EXTRADIMENSIONAL VORTEX.
I'D GUESS THE YELLOW L GHT UNZIPS THE R MOLECULES BEFORE THEY'RE TRANSPORTED TO THE ANT MATTER UNIVERSE
WHAT S THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE?
ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE: A NEGATIVE COEVAL UNIVERSE ON THE UNDERSIDE OF OURS
WOW. YOU LEARN SOMETHING NEW ON OA EVERY DA
EVERYBODY INSIDE!
WE GOT A SNIPER!
KEEP YOUR HEADS DOWN! STAY ON OA!
HEY, GUYS...

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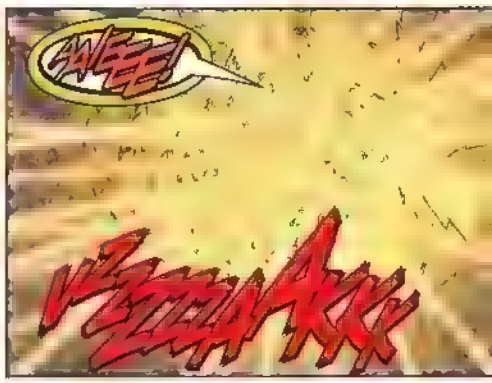
WE'VE GOT INCOMING.
FOR SINESTRO!
FOR SINESTRO!
FOR FEAR!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOO.

I LIKE THE COLLARS, GUYS
VERY DISCO.
YOU WERE THE FIRST GREEN LANTERN TO DISGRACE ME, KYLE RAYNER!
YOU DISGRACED YOURSELF, AMON.
YOUR DAD WAS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED LANTERNS WHO EVER LIVED AND YOU COULDN'T EVEN GET HIS RING TO SPARK.
I'VE FOUND MY OWN LIGHT. I'VE FACED MY FEARS. NOW YOU'LL FACE YOURS.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT ME.
ARRH!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, KYLE.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU EITHER, EGGHEAD.

KRKSH
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE--
--AFRAID OF ME.


SAVEE!
VZZZAKK

ARRHH!
WHAT YOU FEEL RIGHT NOW IS PAIN.

BUT YOU WILL FEEL FEAR.

"LIKE THE REST OF THE GREEN LANTERNS."
RING STATUS REPORT GREEN LANTERN 1416 DECEASED.
SPLYNT
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 1416 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED.
DAMMIT.
WHERE ARE YOU?
KIKK
GOTCHA
KIKKKIK KIKK

KRAK!
THIS IS OUR HOUSE, POOZERS!
GHOO!
LET'S SHOW 'EM THE WAY OUT!
GET LOST, MUTT
DON'T YOU HURT THEM.
KRAK!

SNIPER'S DOWN
I'M GONNA NEUTER THOSE DOGS
I SAW A STREAM OF THEM FLY SOUTH OF HERE. DOWN--
RING STATUS REPORT. GREEN LANTERN 185 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR 185 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED
RING STATUS REPORT GREEN LANTERN 2 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR 2 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED
RING STATUS REPORT. GREEN LANTERN 3202 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR 3202 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED.
RING STATUS REPORT GREEN LANTERN 80 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR 80 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED
RING STATUS REPORT. GREEN LANTERN 766 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR 766 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED
RING STATUS REPORT GREEN LANTERN 2804 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR 2804 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED

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WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?
IT CAME FROM THE SCIENCELLS.
I THINK SOMEONE JUST PUT A BIG FIRE OUT.
OH, CRAP.
"WE'LL HAVE THE MOST POWERFUL INSTIGATORS OF TERROR ON OUR SIDE."

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO'S ON YOUR TEAM. THEY'RE GOING TO STOP THEM.
WHO S? YOUR FELLOW EARTHMEN?
THE ANGRY JOHN STEWART AND THE DIM GUY GARDNER? THE THR LL-CRAV NG HAL JORDAN?
I HAVE NO DOUBT THOSE APES, ALONG W TH THE REST OF THE CORPS, WILL TRY--
--BUT TELL ME ALLEY RAT, DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE FEAR CAN BE ERADICATED?
AS LONG AS THERE IS LIFE THERE WILL BE FEAR. YOU WILL NEVER BE R D OF IT
THE GUARD ANS OF THE UNIVERSE TURNED THE R BACK ON EMOT ONS OUT OF FEAR.
THEY ATTEMPTED TO IMPR SON PARALLAX N ORDER TO CAPTURE AND CONTRO FEAR.
WH LE THEIR ENTITY ROAMED FREE...
...INS DE YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU ARE NOT ON KYLE RAYNER.
AAAHHH!
YOU ARE SIMPLY THE HOST FOR T JUST AS HAL JORDAN WAS THE HOST FOR PARALLAX.
BUT WHERE THE LIVING EMBOD MENT OF FEAR CONTROLS... THE LIVING EMBOD MENT OF WILLPOWER S MPLY SUPPORTS.
OF COURSE, THAT MEANS N ITSELF ON S POWERFUL--
ARRH!
--BUT ONLY AS LONG AS IT HAS A HOST TO LIVE W THIN.

I TOLD YOU I WOULD TAKE YOUR HEART
ARE YOU AFRAID YET ALLEY RAT?
NOT OF YOU
YOU SAID THAT
BUT WHAT OF OTHER THINGS?
WE ARE BOTH AWARE THAT EARTH MEDICINE IS PRIMITIVE I KNOW I COULDN'T SAVE YOUR MOTHER EVEN AS SHE BREATHED HER LAST PAINFUL BREATH
BUT AT LEAST UNLIKE YOUR GIRLFRIEND WHO WAS FOLDED INTO A REFRIGERATOR THE MYSTERIOUS DISEASE THAT ENDED HER LIFE COULDN'T BE BLAMED ON YOU.
AND AS MUCH AS YOU HATED TO EVEN THINK THAT I KNOW YOU DID
YOU ARE ONLY HUMAN, AFTER ALL. OF COURSE YOU ARE ALSO WRONG
YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH IS ON YOUR HEAD
NO
HIS NAME IS DESPOTELLIS A LIVING VIRUS HE'S KILLED DOZENS OF WORLDS BILLIONS OF BEINGS
INCLUDING THE COW THAT SPAWNED YOU.
IT ENDS AS IT BEGAN. THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE IS YOUR FAULT
YOU SON OF A B*TCH
I'M GOING TO KILL YOU. I'M GOING TO PUT AN END TO YOUR INSANITY
THE POWER RINGS WON'T ALLOW YOU TO K--
A GREEN LANTERN IS AN EMPTY THREAT
ARE YOU FRIGHTENED YET? ARE YOU FRIGHTENED OF WHICH ONE OF YOUR LOVED ONES WILL PERISH NEXT?
PERISH BECAUSE OF YOUR DEDICATION TO A GROUP OF GUARDIANS WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT LOVE MEANS?
ARE YOU AFRAID?
YES..
YES, YOU ARE
YOU'RE READY NOW

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STAY THE HELL AWAY FROM M--
AAAA

COOL.

WHEN DO I GET TO KICK THE OLD MAN'S ASS?
SOON, PARALLAX.
WE ALL GET WHAT WE WANT SOON.
THIS IS OUR REBIRTH.
CAN YOU FEEL IT, SAYD? IT'S HAPPENING NOW.
A COLD WAVE ACROSS THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM WHICH OUR FELLOW GUARDIANS WILL AGAIN IGNORE
WITH THE REBIRTH OF THE MULTIVERSE COMES THE RETURN OF SOMETHING ELSE
"AND I FEAR WHAT THAT IS."
THE LAST OF YOUR HERALDS HAS BEEN BORN, MY GUARDIAN.
THE OTHER TWO FREED FROM THE SCIENCELLS OF OA AND DELIVERED TO YOU.
MY CORPS IS READY.

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## THE SINESTRO CORPS WAR

Chapter One

### FEAR & LOATHING

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THEY USED TO CALL ME THE GREATEST OF ALL THE GREEN LANTERNS

SOMETIMES I THINK IT'S BECAUSE I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ARGUED WITH THE GUARDIANS
I DIDN'T BECAUSE THE BLUE BOYS WERE JUST LIKE MOST OF MY SUPERIORS IN THE AIR FORCE
THEY'D NEVER FLOWN BUT THEY LIKED TO TELL US HOW TO
YEARS AFTER I JOINED THE CORPS THE CYBORG SUPERMAN DESTROYED THE CITY I GREW UP IN.
IN A FLASH OF ATOMIC LIGHT, I WAS OVERWHELMED BY FEAR FOR THE SECOND TIME IN MY LIFE
IT LEFT ME VULNERABLE TO SINESTRO'S ASSAULT
HE UNLEASHED AN ANCIENT ALIEN ENTITY ON ME PARALLAX THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF FEAR THE PARASITE GRABBED ONTO MY SOUL
IT HID INSIDE ME IT CHANGED THE WAY I FELT AND THOUGHT.
AND I WASN'T THE GREATEST" GREEN LANTERN ANYMORE
POSSESSED BY PARALLAX I WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS
I WAS FREED FROM PARALLAX BY THE LAST REMAINING LANTERNS
JOHN STEWART GUY GARDNER KYLE RAYNER
AND OUR DRILL SERGEANT KILOWOG
SINCE THEN I'VE WATCHED THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS REBUILD
7200 STRONG TWO OFFICERS FOR EACH OF THE 3600 SPACE SECTORS THE GUARDIANS DIVIDED THE UNIVERSE INTO
THERE'S NOT A MORE DIVERSE GROUP IN EXISTENCE

OR AT LEAST THERE WASN'T
MY NAME S HAL JORDAN
I M AN OFFICER IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS SPACE SECTOR 2814
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 459 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INIT ATED
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 3421 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED
HOW MANY ARE DEAD?
AT LEAST TWENTY
48 OFFICERS HAVE BEEN SLAIN
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WHY IS IT STILL COUNT NG SLAAK? THE SINESTRO CORPS UN T THAT HIT US S LONG GONE
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THEIR ATTACK ON OA HAS BEEN HALTED FOR THE MOMENT
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GREEN LANTERNS ARE ST LL BEING HUNTED ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

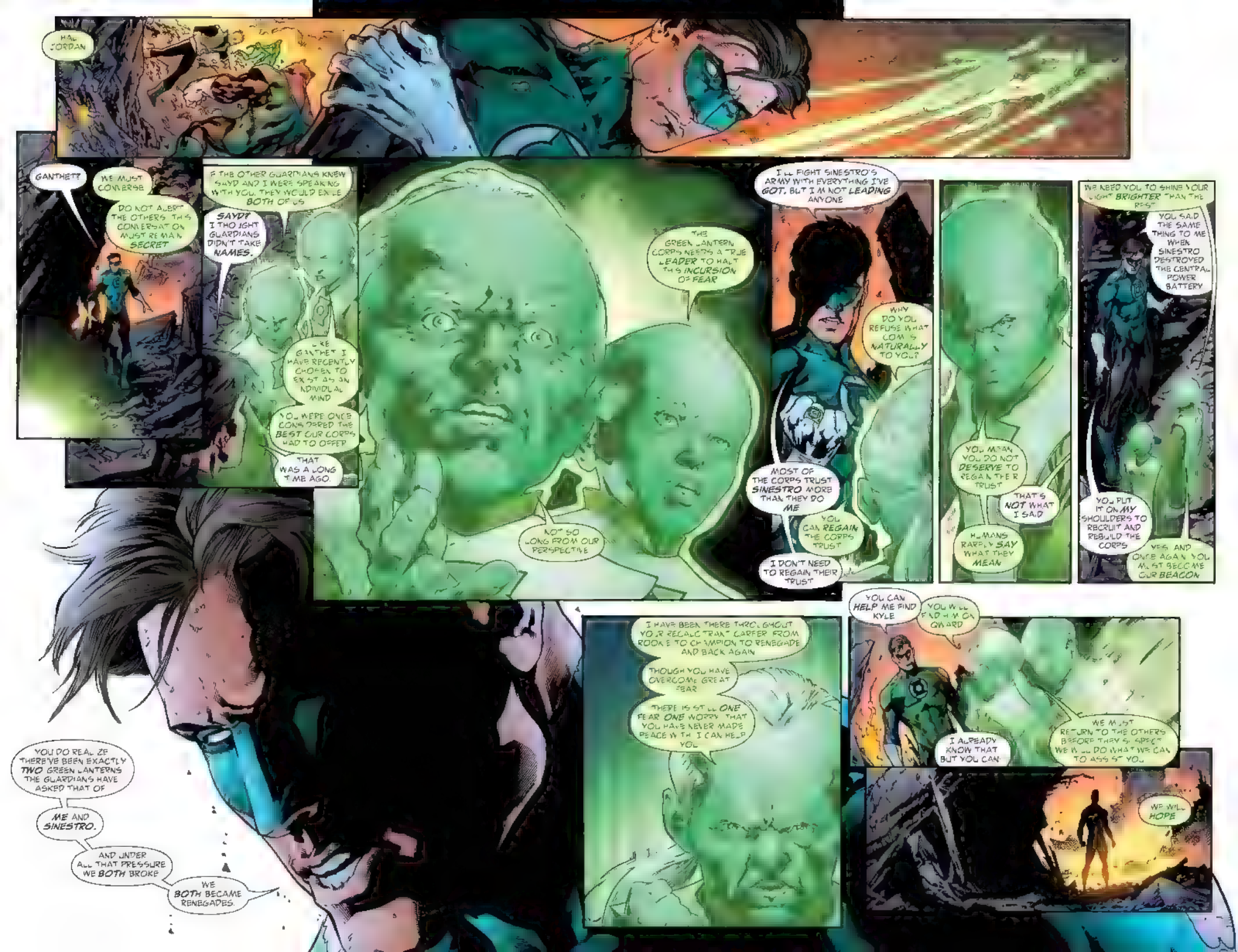
K-k-k
TOMAR
JORDAN?
RING, MED SCAN.
MEDICAL SCAN COMPLETE
RIGHT RADIUS AND LEFT SUBRADIUS CRACKED. SUGGEST IMMEDIATE
FLAK
LEAVE TOMAR TL TO US, JORDAN.
THE CORPS CALL THEM THE "LOST LANTERNS." THEY WERE THE LAST ONES THAT STOOD BETWEEN ME AND OA WHEN I WAS PARALLAX
I STOLE THEIR RINGS AND LEFT THEM FOR DEAD IN SPACE
THEY REMIND EVERYONE OF THAT EVERY CHANCE THEY GET
ESPECIALLY ME
NO PROBLEM, LAIRA.
NO PROBLEM, JORDAN?!
WE GOT HURT LANTERNS ALL OVER THE PLACE. CYBORG SUPERMAN AND SUPER PSYCHO JUNIOR MISSIN' FROM THEIR SCIENCELLS. SINESTRO'S BAND A MERRY MEN LIGHTIN' UP THE UNIVERSE. KYLE RAYNER'S BEEN KIDNAPPED.
AND YOU BUNCHA BABIES WANNA CRY AND HOLD ON TA STUPID GRUDGES?
ONE OF US COULD BE IN THE CENTER OF A BLACK HOLE W TH A DEAD RING
AND WE'D TELL YOU COLORLESS APES TO STAY THE FRAG AWAY
THERE STILL A PROBLEM, EARTHLING?
SLOG OFF KE HAAN.
BEFORE I REMIND YA WHO THE TRA VEE WAS THIS AIN'T THE TIME, POOZER
WHERE ARE THE GUARDIANS, SAL AAK?
ONE SECOND HANNU.
SO MANY POWER RINGS SEARCHING FOR REPLACEMENTS.
SAL THE GUARDIANS
I AM. SURE THEY ARE ASSESSING THE SITUATION, JOHN.
LET ME ASSESS T FOR THEM
WE JUST GOT O R ASSES HANDED TO US.
THE LEAST THEY CAN DO IS COME OUT HERE AND GIVE US A DAMN PEP TALK

THE HALL OF GREAT SERVICE.
THE BOOK OF OA
WE CANNOT DO THIS.
WE HAVE TO, GANTHET.
THE LAST CHAPTER OF THE BOOK OF OA--
--THE HIDDEN CHAPTER
--MUST BE FOREVER FORGOTTEN.

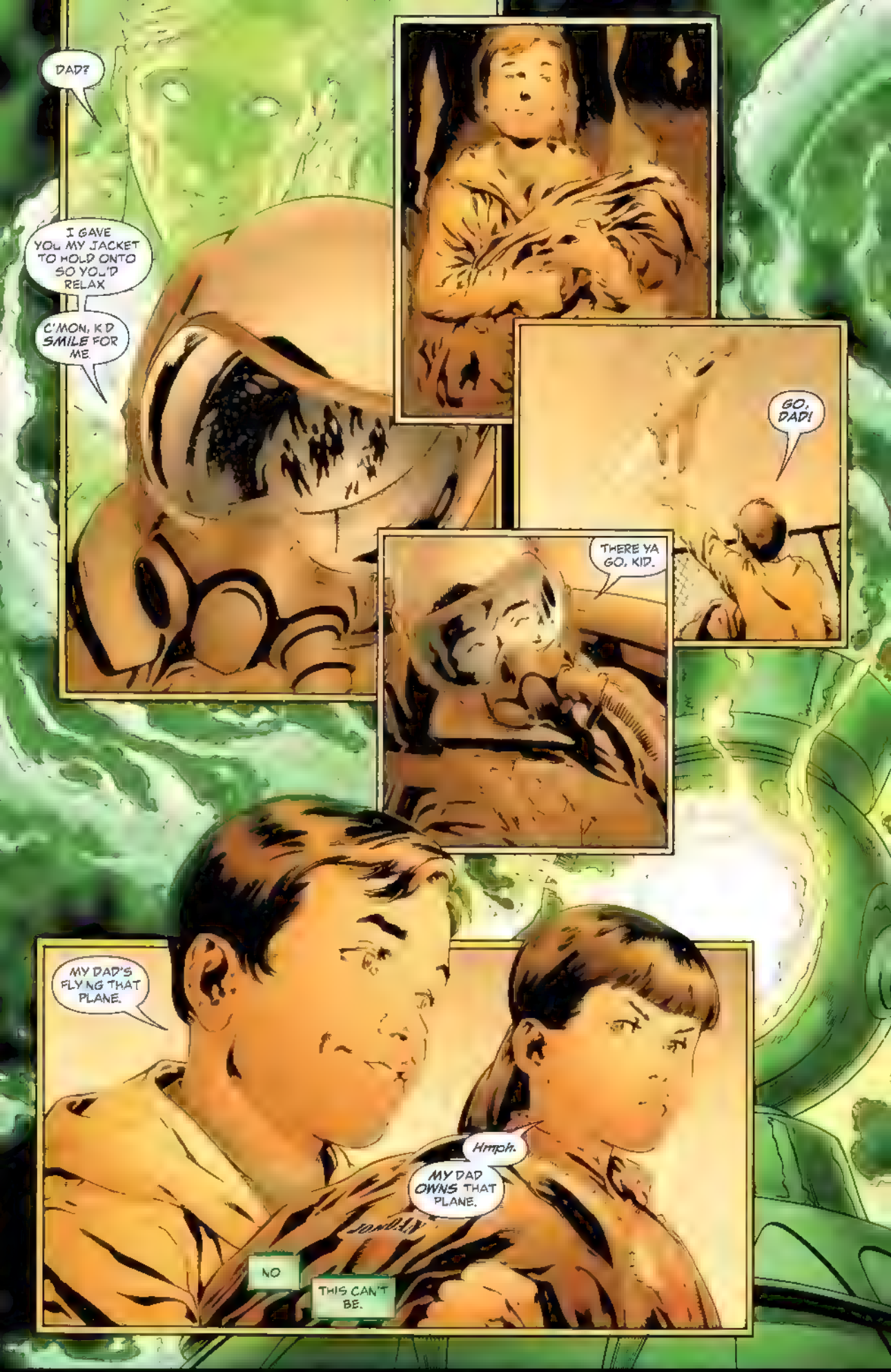
FORGOTTEN? WE TRIED TO ERASE THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SOURCE OF THE YELLOW IMPURITY...
...BUT TURNING OUR EYES AWAY FROM PARALLAX ONLY RESULTED IN THE MANIPULATION AND NEAR EXTINCTION OF THE CORPS.
WE ABANDONED EMOTIONS LONG AGO, BUT WE MUST SEEK THEM OUT ONCE AGAIN
WE CANNOT BURY OUR HEADS IN THE SAND. THE SIGNS ARE ALREADY HERE. FEAR HAS FORMED ITS CORPS.
THE PROPHECY OF THE BLACKEST NIGHT WILL COME TO PASS
THE BLACKEST NIGHT IS A BOOK OF LIES, SAYD.
LIES FED TO ABIN SUR ON THE PRISON PLANET YSMAULT. THE EMPIRE OF TEARS SUCCESSFULLY INSTILLED FEAR INTO THE FORMER GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 2814
ABIN SUR BELIEVED THOSE LIES
IT LED TO HIS DEATH.
THEN WHY DID WE RECORD ABIN SUR'S FINDINGS?
WHY DID WE WRITE THIS CHAPTER AND PROPHECY DESCRIBING OUR FINAL FATE AND ULTIMATE PURPOSE INTO THE BOOK OF OA?
BECAUSE WE DID THE FORBIDDEN, GANTHET.
WE FELT FEAR.
FWOOSH
SHHHH

OH, WELL DONE, MY FAMILY!
ARE YOU READY TO FOLLOW THE RING? ROOK E TO ROOK E TO ROOKIE!
SCANNING SPACE SECTOR 555 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT
POWER LEVELS 2.34%.
OH! MY FATHERS THREE!
THEY NEED TO BE FED!
MANHUNTER!
HOW ABOUT A LIGHT?
SINESTRO CORPS MEMBER 2815 REQUESTING RECHARGE
KARU-BAL'D ENERGY SIGNATURE RECOGNIZED
IN BLACKEST DAY, IN BRIGHTEST NIGHT!

"BEWARE YOUR FEARS MADE INTO LIGHT.
"LET THOSE WHO TRY TO STOP WHAT'S RIGHT--
"BURN LIKE HIS POWER--
"--SINESTRO'S MIGHT!"
FEAR IS SPREADING
THEN I GET WHAT I WANT YOU SAID I GET WHAT I WANT, SINESTRO
WE ALL GET WHAT WE DESIRE, MY BOY
FEAR WILL DELIVER IT TO US.
AND THE UNIVERSE WILL BE BETTER FOR IT.


HAL JORDAN
GANTHET?
WE MUST CONVERSE
DO NOT ALERT THE OTHERS THIS CONVERSATION MUST REMAIN SECRET
IF THE OTHER GUARDIANS KNEW SAYD AND I WERE SPEAKING WITH YOU, THEY WOULD EXILE BOTH OF US
SAYD? I THOUGHT GUARDIANS DIDN'T TAKE NAMES.
LIKE GANTHET I HAVE RECENTLY CHOSEN TO EXIST AS AN INDIVIDUAL MIND
YOU WERE ONCE CONSIDERED THE BEST OUR CORPS HAD TO OFFER
THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS NEEDS A TRUE LEADER TO HALT THIS INCURSION OF FEAR
NOT SO LONG FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE
I'LL FIGHT SINESTRO'S ARMY WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT. BUT I AM NOT LEADING ANYONE
WHY DO YOU REFUSE WHAT COMES NATURALLY TO YOU?
MOST OF THE CORPS TRUST SINESTRO MORE THAN THEY DO ME
YOU CAN REGAIN THE CORPS TRUST
I DON'T NEED TO REGAIN THEIR TRUST
YOU MEAN YOU DO NOT DESERVE TO REGAIN THEIR TRUST
THAT'S NOT WHAT I SAID
HUMANS RARELY SAY WHAT THEY MEAN
WE NEED YOU TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN THE REST
YOU SAID THE SAME THING TO ME WHEN SINESTRO DESTROYED THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY
YOU PUT IT ON MY SHOULDERS TO RECRUIT AND REBUILD THE CORPS
YES. AND ONCE AGAIN YOU MUST BECOME OUR BEACON
YOU DO REALIZE THERE'VE BEEN EXACTLY TWO GREEN LANTERNS THE GUARDIANS HAVE ASKED THAT OF
ME AND SINESTRO.
AND UNDER ALL THAT PRESSURE WE BOTH BROKE
WE BOTH BECAME RENEGADES.
I HAVE BEEN THERE THROUGHOUT YOUR RECALCITRANT CAREER FROM ROOKIE TO CHAMPION TO RENEGADE AND BACK AGAIN
THOUGH YOU HAVE OVERCOME GREAT FEAR
THERE IS STILL ONE FEAR ONE WORRY THAT YOU HAVE NEVER MADE PEACE WITH I CAN HELP YOU
YOU CAN HELP ME FIND KYLE
YOU WILL FIND HIM ON GWARD
I ALREADY KNOW THAT BUT YOU CAN
WE MUST RETURN TO THE OTHERS BEFORE THEY SUSPECT WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST YOU
WE WILL. HOPE

HEY GET THIS. JORDAN. SALAAK SAID THE GUARDIANS ARE ORDERIN ALL THE CORPS MEMBERS TO OA TO PREPARE FOR A SECOND ATTACK
-BUT THEY'RE SENDIN OUT THE LOST LANTERNS TA QWARD AFTER ION.
THEN THAT'S WHERE WE'RE GO'N RIGHT?
LET'S CHARGE UP
IN BRIGHTEST DAY IN BLACKEST NIGHT
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT
LET THOSE WHO EVEN THINK ABOUT WORSHIPPIN' EVIL'S MIGHT
BEWARE OUR POWER GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT
-TTTTTT
GUY?
AARRGH!
THE SINESTRO CORPS MUST HAVE BOOBY TRAPPED THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY
GOT TO SHUT OFF THE RING.
STOP THE CHARGE
Nnnng
WHAT ARE YOU STILL AFRAID OF HAL?

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DAMMIT.
I'M HAV NG SOME PROBLEMS HERE, FERRIS OIL'S GETTIN' EATEN UP QUICK. I THINK THE LAST OF MY TORQUE P NS JUST FAILED
I THOUGHT TH S WAS SENT TO I-LEVEL REPA R
IT WAS.
I NEED TO BR NG IT IN. AWAY FROM THE CROWD.
THERE'S NO EXTERNAL LEAKAGE THE INVESTORS ARE WATCHING.
THAT'S FIFTEEN-MILLION DOLLARS AND OUR LAST SIX YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT YOU HAVE IN THE AIR.
KEEP IT FLYING, JORDAN.
COME ON, R NG. LIGHT UP.
WORK.
SAVE H M.

THIS THING'S GO NG DOWN, FERRIS
ON TOP OF YOU, COAST C TY, OR R GHT HERE...
. AND RIGHT HERE NO ONE ELSE GETS HURT.
DAD.
DAD.
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW HIS LAST WORDS.
WHAT? WHAT'D YOU SAY, DAD?
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!?

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE STILL FRIGHTENED OF, ISN'T IT?
YOU'RE AFRAID YOUR FATHER DIED IN FEAR.
WHAT DID YOU SAY, DAD?!?
HE DID.
SHARE THAT FEAR.
PARALLAX..?

YOU'RE NOT.
BUT I AM. OLD MAN. AND THE IMAGINATION I HAVE COMPARED TO YOURS THE ART STRY NSIDE TH S HEART IT S UNREAL.
ENDLESS
THE LAST TIME FIVE LANTERNS BEAT YOU.
THIS T ME. YOU'RE GONNA BE FACING A LOT MORE
YOU RE SPEAK NG OF FRIENDS L KE JOHN STEWART AND GUY GARDNER
HA.
WHERE ARE THEY?
I WAS THE TORCHBEARER. THE LAST AND ONLY GREEN LANTERN AND I ACCEPTED THAT
BUT THESE LAST FEW MONTHS I'VE COME AROUND

YOU'RE RIGHT, HAL.
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A CORPS.
WELCOME TO QWARD

**THE SINESTRO CORPS WAR**

Chapter Two

**THE GATHERING STORM**

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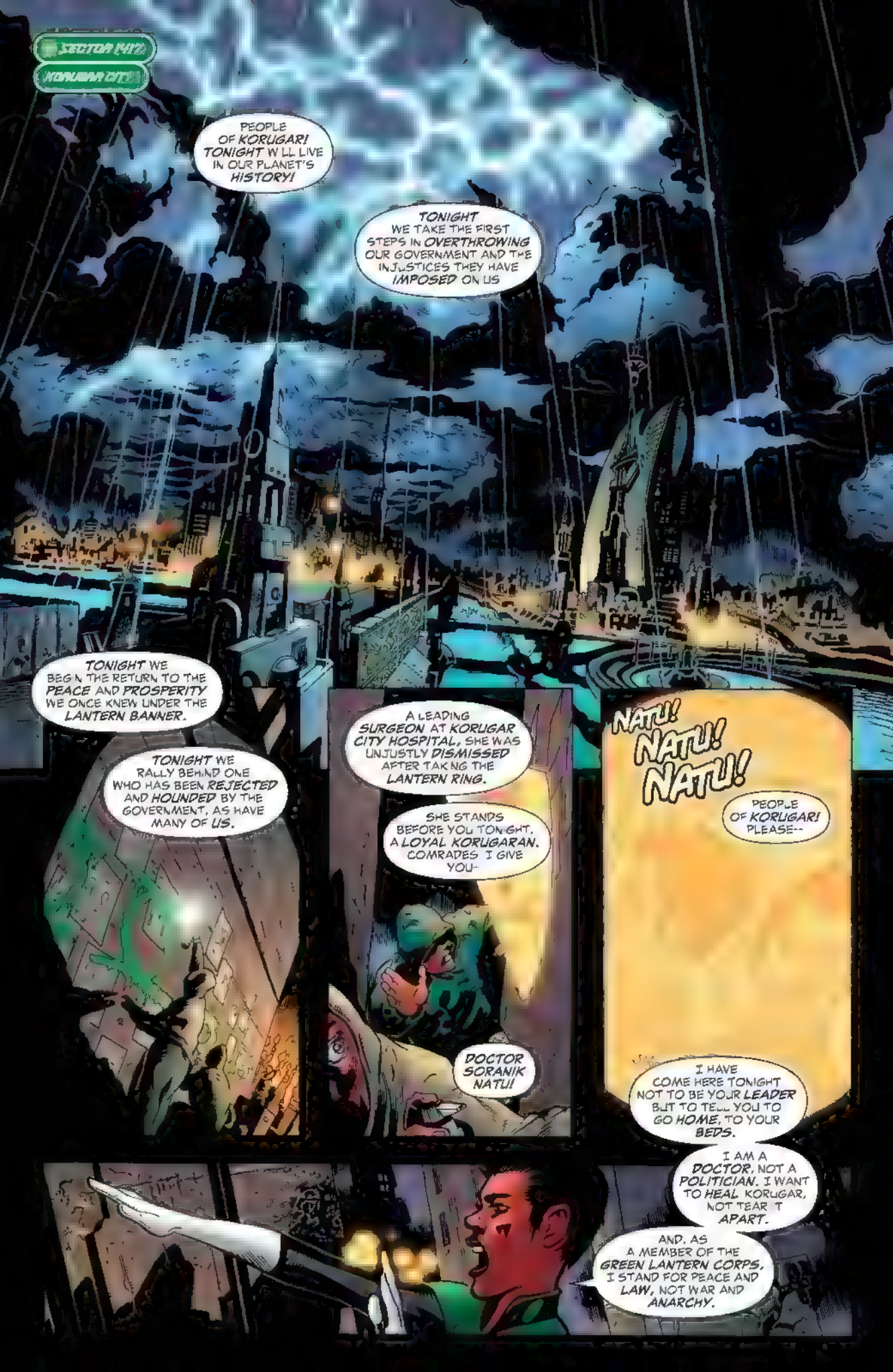
THEY'RE NEARLY ON US. WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT ALL POINTS ALERT WAS A TRICK.
TOO LATE FOR REGRETS. RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET TO THE SECTOR HOUSE, REGROUP AND CALL FOR BACKUP.
ANY LUCK, THERE'LL BE SOME BACKUP THERE ALREA--
GARGH!!!
ZANETH! NO!
RING STATUS REPORT. GREEN LANTERN 2277 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 2277 INITIATED FOR REPLACEMENT
KEEP MOVING. WE'RE NEARLY THERE.
DROP FORWARD SHIELDS. ALL POWER TO THRUST.
LOOK! NEAR THE SECTOR HOUSE
BETTER GET INSIDE AS FAST AS WE--
SOMEONE COMING OUT.
SO MUCH FOR BACKUP.

NO HELP WAITING FOR YOU HERE, YOU GREEN SCUM--
ONLY DEATH!


SECTOR 1417
KORUGAR CITY
PEOPLE OF KORUGAR! TONIGHT WILL LIVE IN OUR PLANET'S HISTORY!
TONIGHT WE TAKE THE FIRST STEPS IN OVERTHROWING OUR GOVERNMENT AND THE INJUSTICES THEY HAVE IMPOSED ON US
TONIGHT WE BEGIN THE RETURN TO THE PEACE AND PROSPERITY WE ONCE KNEW UNDER THE LANTERN BANNER.
TONIGHT WE RALLY BEHIND ONE WHO HAS BEEN REJECTED AND HOUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AS HAVE MANY OF US.
A LEADING SURGEON AT KORUGAR CITY HOSPITAL, SHE WAS UNJUSTLY DISMISSED AFTER TAKING THE LANTERN RING.
SHE STANDS BEFORE YOU TONIGHT, A LOYAL KORUGARAN. COMRADES I GIVE YOU--
DOCTOR SORANIK NATU!
NATU! NATU! NATU!
PEOPLE OF KORUGAR! PLEASE--
I HAVE COME HERE TONIGHT NOT TO BE YOUR LEADER BUT TO TELL YOU TO GO HOME, TO YOUR BEDS.
I AM A DOCTOR, NOT A POLITICIAN. I WANT TO HEAL KORUGAR, NOT TEAR IT APART.
AND, AS A MEMBER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, I STAND FOR PEACE AND LAW, NOT WAR AND ANARCHY.

YOU SEE, MY PEOPLE? NOT ONLY IS SHE SKILLED AND BRAVE, BUT SHE IS MODEST AND COMPASSIONATE.
AND WITH THE POWER OF HER RING, SHE CAN PROTECT US FROM ANY DANGER!
NO! LISTEN--
THIS RING MUST BE USED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, NOT TO SETTLE POLITICAL ARGUMENTS. I--
NATU!
NATU!
NATU!
NATU!
NATU!
NATU!
LEAD US WITH YOUR GREAT LIGHT!
YOUR SKILL SAVED MY BROTHER'S LIFE! NOW YOU CAN SAVE US ALL!
LOOK!
AH, THE BANNERS, THE CHEERING CROWDS...

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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK. DESPITE THE WEATHER.
SORANIK NATU, ISN'T IT?
I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT HERE, SINESTRO, AND I DON'T CARE.
I ARREST YOU
IN THE NAME OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE INTELLIGENT, NATU.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY PLANET IS IN SAFE HANDS.
BUT AS FOR YOU ARRESTING ME WITH MY OWN RING--
I DON'T THINK SO.
=HNNF!=

SECTION 3082
DEEP SPACE
GREEN MASK
GREEN LANTERN
OF SECTION 3082
STEL? PLEASE ANSWER...
PROBABILITY OF SURVIVAL ESTIMATED AT POINT ZERO ZERO ONE PERCENT
REPEAT POINT ZERO ZERO ONE PERCENT SURVIVAL PROBABILITY
ABANDON SEARCH. COMPLY WITH BATTLE ORDERS. RETURN TO OA.
REPEAT ABANDON SEARCH. COMPLY --
RNG. I
I KNOW I'M BEHAVING LIKE AN EARTHMAN, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.
STEL WAS...
...IS MY FRIEND
2B2B?

STEL!
YOU MUST BELIEVE I MEAN YOU NO HARM. I WAS NOT IN CONTROL WHEN I ATTACKED YOU.
STEL: GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 3600
MY REMAINING SENSORS RECORDED A PRESENCE WITHIN YOU OR YOUR RING A YELLOW VIRUS THAT HAS SINCE FLED
YOU HAVE RECEIVED SALAAK'S REPORTS--
I COMPUTE THAT YELLOW VIRUS IS A MEMBER AND IT WAS OBVIOUSLY TARGETING THE GREEN LANTERNS IMMUNE TO IT
THE SINESTRO CORPS HAS DECLARED WAR.
YOU AN ANDROID
AND MOGO, A PLANET
BE CAREFUL THAT YOUR PLEASURE IN FINDING ME DOES NOT EVEN NOW RESULT IN MY DEACTIVATION
S--SORRY BUT HOW DID YOU SURVIVE THE ANTI-MATTER?
IN THE NANO SECOND BEFORE IT CONTACTED ME, I WILLED MY RING TO REVERSE THE POLARITY OF MY ATOMS
REGRETTABLY, THE EFFECT HAD ONLY SPREAD INTO PART OF MY FORM BEFORE ACTUAL CONTACT
PLEASE FORGIVE ME LET ME REPAIR YOU
WE ARE BOTH SUFFERING, 2828. WE BOTH NEED REPAIR
MOGO HAS THE RESOURCES TO HELP US AND MOGO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE AS WELL
I AGREE. WE SHOULD GO TO HIM.
AS US LANTERNS HAVE ALWAYS DONE WHEN WE ARE LOST OR DAMAGED.
THE CORPS WOULD NOT LONG SURVIVE WITHOUT MOGO.

KORUGAR
HNN
THIS IS THE POLICE! CLEAR THE SQUARE!
TAKE OUT THE RING-LEADERS!
SR--ON THE PODIUM! ISN'T THAT-
SO IS THIS WHAT KORUGAR HAS COME TO? RIOTING AND ARMED POLICE IN THE STREET?
IT SEEMS I MUST TEACH ITS PEOPLE A LESSON.
A LESSON THEY WILL NOT SOON FORGET.
AAAHH!
PULL BACK! PULL - YEAAAGH!
NOOOO!

YOU STILL FEAR ME MORE THAN THE UPSTARTS WHO RULE YOU IN MY ABSENCE, THEN?
AND WELL YOU MIGHT.
NOBODY ON THIS PLANET CAN BETTER ME.
NOBODY.
W-WHAT --?
GREEN LANTERN ATTEMPTING TO USE LETHAL FORCE ILLEGAL ACTION MISSILE DEFLECTED
AH, THE SURGICAL OPTION. I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED, NATU.
BUT NOW YOU HAVE SEEN THE TRUE WEAKNESS OF THE LANTERN POWER RINGS.
THEY LACK THE POWER TO KILL. AND WITHOUT THE FEAR OF DEATH--
WHAT BEING WILL TRULY FEAR THOSE WHO WIELD THEM?

WORK, YOU DOGS.
WORK!
I SAID WORK, DAMN YOU!
AAAAAAA!
DON'T KILL THEM ALL, ARKILLO, OR WE OURSELVES WILL HAVE TO WORK.
DON'T WORRY, ENKAFOS. YOU WON'T HAVE TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY.
THERE ARE PLENTY MORE SLAVES ON QWARD.
AND THE MORE THEY FEAR, THE HARDER THEY WORK.
DIRECT AS EVER, EH, ARKILLO?
YES, ENKAFOS IT ALWAYS PAYS.

HMM. YOU REFER TO OUR PREVIOUS OFFENSIVE. UNLIKE YOU, I LIKED ITS INSIDIOUS SUBTLETY...
BUT NOW THAT OUR MASTER IS READY I AGREE THAT A FRONTAL ASSAULT IS CLEARLY INDICATED
I WILL GIVE ORDERS TO EMBARK.
YOU HAVE FRIGHTENED THESE COWARDLY ANIMALS ENOUGH, ARKILLO
THE TIME HAS COME TO FRIGHTEN THE LANTERNS BY REVEALING THE SINESTRO CORPS MEMBER WHO SHALL CAST A SHADOW ACROSS THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.
ASSEMBLE THE CORPS AND THE MANHUNTERS.
YES, ENKAFOS.
SINESTRO CORPS---
PREPARE FOR BATTLE!

KOKUMA
WHY FIGHT ME, NATU? WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING.
TO PROTECT OUR PLANET.
NO! WE ARE NOT THE SAME!
TRUE. YOU HAVE SPIRIT. BUT THAT S NOT ENOUGH.
ALONE, YOU CANNOT MATCH MY POWER. AND YOU KNOW T.
BETTER CALL FOR BACKUP, EH NATU?
SN T THAT WHAT YOU LANTERNS DO THESE DAYS?
WE DO WHAT WE MUST TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT.
PAH WHEN TH S WAS MY SECTOR, I COULD HANDLE ANY THREAT ALONE.
NOBODY DARED CHALLENGE THE ORDER I HAD MPOSED
GO ON BRING YOUR PARTNER HERE
BEFORE SHE DIES, I M SURE THE PRINCESS WILL BE SECRETLY AMUSED AT YOUR INABILITY TO POLICE EVEN YOUR OWN BACKYARD.
YOU FEAR THAT CONTEMPT, DON'T YOU, NATU?
THOUGH NOT AS MUCH AS YOU FEAR POWER.

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I FEAR NOTHING. I--
VERY WELL, THEN LET US BE PRECISE, DOCTOR NATL
YOU FEAR THAT POWER WILL CORRUPT YOU. DON'T YOU? THAT IT MIGHT TURN YOU INTO--
ME?
SUCH FEAR IS MAKING YOU WEAK, NATL.
YOU MUST LEARN TO EMBRACE IT USE IT AGAINST OTHERS TO BRING ORDER
MAKE THE UNIVERSE FEAR YOU AS IT DOES ME.
AND IF NOT THE UNIVERSE, THEN AT LEAST THIS PLANET.
YOU KNOW, I COULD KILL YOU NOW. BUT WHY SHOULD I?
YOU ARE MORE USE TO ME ALIVE--AND I WILL STILL HAVE MY VICTORY.
YOUR... YOUR VICTORY?
YES. I ONLY NEED KORUGAR TO BELIEVE YOU HAVE DEFEATED ME AND I HAVE WON.

WHAT'S HAPPENING UP THERE?
CAN'T SEE THEM. BUT THEY'RE STILL FIGHTING, I CAN TELL THAT MUCH.
WE CAME TO STOP NATU. LOOKS LIKE WE WERE ON THE WRONG SIDE...
THE PEOPLE ALREADY KNOW YOU TO BE A GREAT HEALER--NOW THEY WILL THINK YOU ARE A GREAT WARRIOR, TOO
SOON THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEG YOU TO RULE THE PLANET, TO BRING UNITY TO KORUGAR.
AAAAAAA!
YOU WON'T REFUSE. YOU CAN'T REFUSE THAT IS WHERE YOUR CURSE LIES. NOT IN YOUR POWER RING.
YOU HAVE TO HELP YOUR OWN PEOPLE. BEFORE LONG, ALL YOUR TIME WILL BE SPENT HERE.
N-NO MY DUTY IS TO THE WHOLE S-SECTOR. TH-THE GUARDIANS WILL NOT .. NNN.. PERMIT IT
PAH DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM. SOON THERE WILL BE NO GUARDIANS.
YOU WILL STAY HERE AND KEEP KORUGAR SAFE. UNTIL I WIN THE WAR WITH THE LANTERN CORPS.
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.
GOODBYE FOR NOW, SORANIK NATU. TAKE CARE OF OUR PLANET...
UNTIL I RETURN.

LOOK!
SORANIK NATU!
S SHE ALIVE OR
PRAY THAT SHE IS FOR KORUGAR'S SAKE.
YES--SHE LIVES!
THEN THE EVIL ONE HAS SURELY BEEN DEFEATED. HE WOULD NEVER SHOW HER MERCY IF HE STILL LIVED.
AND WE, TOO, ARE SAVED! LEAD US, SORANIK NATU.
LEAD US
SAVIOR OF KORUGAR!

LISTEN UP, POOZERS
THE SINESTRO CORPS ARE MASSIN' IN THE TWO-TWENTY-SIXES. THEY ALREADY TOOK OUT A SECTOR HOUSE AND MANY OF OUR BROTHERS.
THIS IS WAR.

THE GREEN LINE IS SPREAD THIN, AND THINGS ARE LOOKIN' BAD--WHICH GIVES YOU ROOKIES, JUST GRADUATED, THE CHANCE TO SHINE.
WE'RE LEAVIN' RIGHT NOW.
SO CHARGE YOUR RINGS AND GET READY TA BE TESTED TA THE LIMIT.
OA'S BEEN HIT BAD, AND A BUNCH O' YER BROTHERS FROM EARTH ARE TAKIN THE FIGHT TO GWARD.
YOU READY, SODAM?
I I BETTER BE, WE ALL HAD.

LANTERN ARISIA.
I HAVE ORDERS FOR YOU..
WHAT'S UP, SALAAK? AS DE FROM THE UNIVERSE FALLING APART, THAT IS ..

LANTERN YAT. YOU WILL STAY CLOSE TO HIM WATCH HIS BACK.
ER, SURE

"SODAM YAT'S A GOOD KID. THEY ALL ARE.
"DOES SOMETHING MAKE HIM SPECIAL?"

"JUST FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, LANTERN AR SIA
"AND ONE DAY YOU MAY KNOW THE ANSWER."
TRANS-LUMINAL JUMP ON MY ORDER, POOZERS. AND REMEMBER--
STAY TIGHT AND STAY BRIGHT!

THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE
QWARD. HOME TO THE SINESTRO CORPS.
REPORT. HOW GOES THE WAR?
MASTER QWARD IS UNDER ATTACK BY THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
THE GUARDIANS' PUPPETS ARE HERE?
AND HOW MANY HAVE THEY SENT TO THE SLAUGHTER?
A MERE HANDFUL, MASTER
BUT THERE IS ONE THING YOU WOULD WANT TO KNOW
HAL JORDAN IS AMONG THEM.

SECTOR 2814
MOGO
I SEE A WOUND ACROSS MOGO
FROM THE RECENT ATTACK, STEL. MOGO MOVED HIS ORBIT, PULLED DOWN AN ASTEROID AND BURNT OUT THE WHOLE AREA.
I COMPLETE THAT THE SCARS WILL NOT HEAL SO QUICKLY
TRUE. BUT MAYBE HEALING US WILL HELP MOGO TO HEAL HIMSELF. AIDING OTHERS IS HIS. .
2828. MY SENSORS DETECT A PARTIAL ECLIPSE COMMENCING
RATE OF OCCLUSION IS RAPID
POSSIBLE EFFECT OF PREVIOUS CHANGE IN ORBITAL VECTORS?
I--I DON'T THINK SO, STEL.
AGREED. INCOMING DATA SUGGESTS HIGH PROBABILITY OF--

ENEMY ACTION

## THE SINESTRO CORPS WAR

Chapter Three

## RUNNING SCARED

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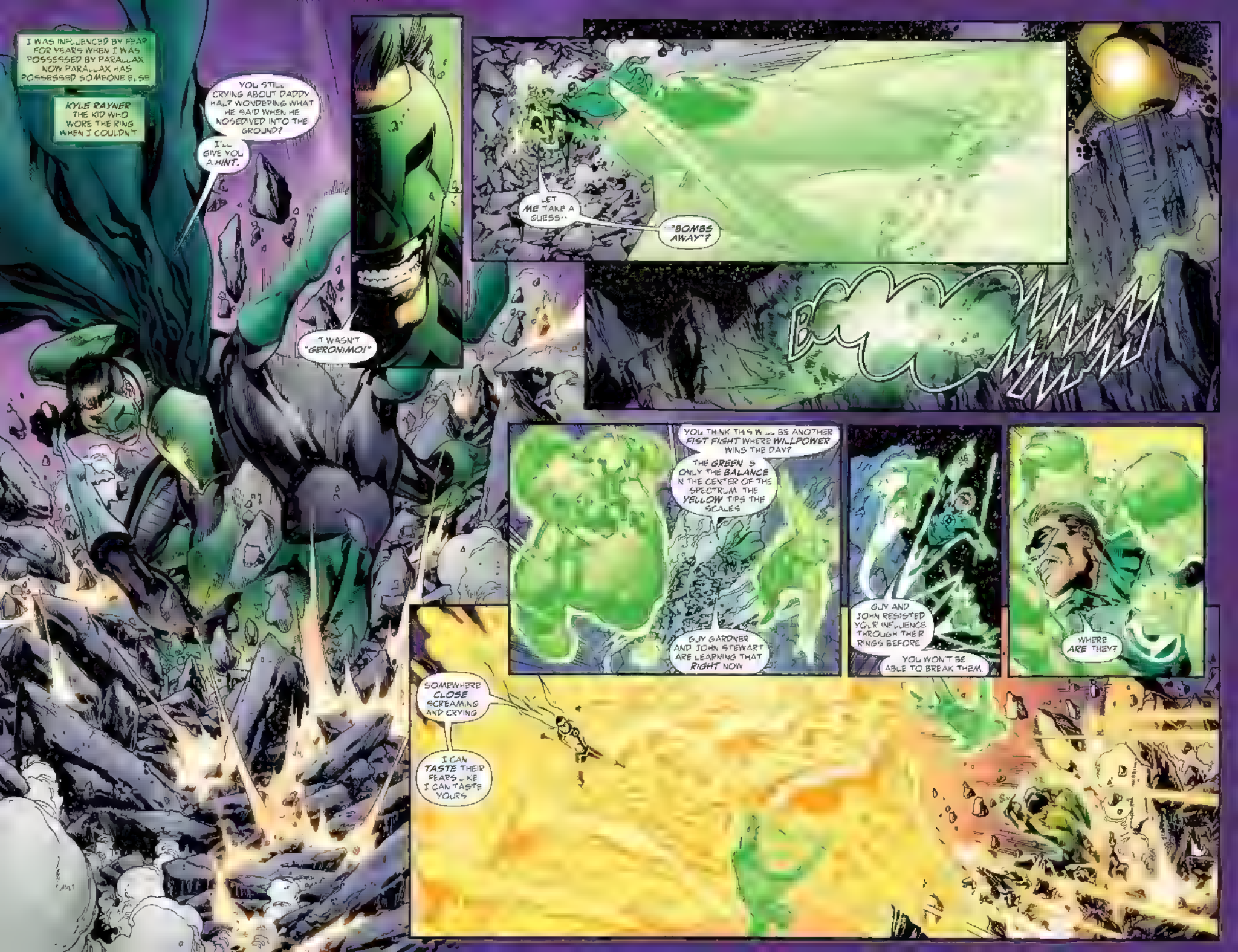
OA
CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE HOME TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
KILOWOG HAS LED HIS SQUADRON TO CONFRONT THE NCURS ON IN SECTOR 2262.
THEY ARE NO DOUBT PREPAR NG TO ASSAULT THE SOUL OF THE CORPS. THE PLANET GREEN LANTERN--MOGO
AND F MOGO FALLS, OUR FUTURE RECRU TS W LL NEVER COME TO BE.
SEND THE ORDER TO THOSE NOT AT MOGO S S DE.
ALL OTHER AVAILABLE GREEN LANTERNS ARE TO REPORT TO OA IMMED ATELY.
SINESTRO'S ARMY WILL ARRIVE AT ANY MOMENT
THE GUARD ANS OF THE UNIVERSE HAVE LONG BELIEVED THAT EMOT ONS CLOUD JUDGMENT.
THAT'S WHY THEY ABANDONED THEM BIL ONS OF YEARS AGO
THE TRUTH, THOUGH THEY'LL NEVER ADMIT IT, IS THAT THEY'RE AFRAID OF EMOTIONS.
SPACE SECTOR 1417.
THERE IS A SPECTRUM OF POWER UNSEEN N THE UNIVERSE MADE UP OF SENT ENT THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS
MADE BR GHTER OR DARKER DEPEND NG ON THE UNIVERSAL EMOT ONAL STATE OF NTELL GENT LIFE.
NAU! NAU! NAU!
SPACE SECTOR 2234
REPEAT THIS S SALAAK THE GUARDIANS HAVE ORDERED A CODE BLACK
ALL AVAILABLE GREEN LANTERNS ARE ORDERED TO RETURN TO OA IMMEDIATELY
TODAY, THE UNIVERSE FEELS GREAT FEAR

TODAY YELLOW GLOWS BRIGHT
THE PLANET ONWARD
CENTER OF THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE HOME TO THE SINESTRO CORPS
MY NAME S HAL JORDAN
I M AN OFFICER N THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS SPACE SECTOR 2814
WHEN I CAME ON THE SCENE INTERNAL AFFAIRS WAS INVESTIGAT NG THE MOST VENERATED LANTERN OF ALL TIME-- SINESTRO.
THERE WERE RUMORED ACTS OF FASCISM, EXCESSIVE V OLENCE AND WORSE YET INST LLING FEAR ACROSS HIS OWN PLANET
SINESTRO CONTROLLED KORUGAR THROUGH TERROR
I HELPED EXPOSE HIM HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE CORPS AND BAN SHED TO THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE
TODAY THE ANT MATTER UNIVERSE S APPARENT Y WHERE HE S BUILT A DIFFERENT KIND OF CENTRAL POWER BATTERY FORGED HUNDREDS OF YELLOW RINGS. RECRUITED HIS OWN CORPS
ONE W TH A MISSION TO INSTILL GREA FEAR THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE HE WANTS TO TURN ALL LFE INTO A MIL TAN SOC ETY AS HE DID ON KORUGAR
I NEVER BEL EVED IN FEAR NOT UNT I CAME FACE-TO-FACE W TH PARALLAX
"THERE S NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF"
I WONDER WHAT ROOSEVELT WOULD SAY NOW?
THE WHOLE UNIVERSE WILL EMPOWER ME AS OUR TERROR SPREADS OLD MAN.
AND SINESTRO WILL CONTROL IT ALL.


I WAS INFLUENCED BY FEAR FOR YEARS WHEN I WAS POSSESSED BY PARALLAX NOW PARALLAX HAS POSSESSED SOMEONE ELSE
KYLE RAYNER THE KID WHO WORE THE RING WHEN I COULDN'T
YOU STILL CRYING ABOUT DADDY HAL? WONDERING WHAT HE SAID WHEN HE NOSEDIVED INTO THE GROUND?
I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT.
IT WASN'T "GERONIMO!"
LET ME TAKE A GUESS--
"BOMBS AWAY"?
BOOM
YOU THINK THIS WILL BE ANOTHER FIST FIGHT WHERE WILLPOWER WINS THE DAY?
THE GREEN IS ONLY THE BALANCE IN THE CENTER OF THE SPECTRUM. THE YELLOW TIPS THE SCALES
GUY GARDNER AND JOHN STEWART ARE LEARNING THAT RIGHT NOW
GUY AND JOHN RESISTED YOUR INFLUENCE THROUGH THEIR RINGS BEFORE
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THEM.
WHERE ARE THEY?
SOMEWHERE CLOSE SCREAMING AND CRYING
I CAN TASTE THEIR FEARS LIKE I CAN TASTE YOURS

FIGHT OR FLIGHT.
EVERY ANIMAL IN THE UNIVERSE HAS THAT SURVIVAL INSTINCT REAR ITS HEAD WHEN THEY'RE IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS.
AND *THIS* IS WHERE MY WIRES GET CROSSED.
FIGHT OR FLIGHT?

I ALWAYS DO BOTH.
IT'S IRONIC, ISN'T IT, JORDAN?
WHAT, AMON?
ME ABOUT TO USE YOUR FATHER'S RING TO BREAK YOUR NOSE?
DESPISED IS ONE THING.
YOU DYING HERE. KILLED BY SINESTRO'S ARMY. ALONE.
YOU'VE BEEN DESPISED AND ABANDONED BY YOUR CORPS.
BUT ABANDONED?

THAT THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS DON'T DO.

Heh.
STUPID EARTH.